

# STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**TO: POTENTIAL CANDIDATES (President, Delegate & Alternate Delegate)**

**FROM: STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**SUBJECT: PETITION FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 2019**

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You are strongly advised to obtain legal advice on the following subjects: (1) your legal qualifications for office; (2) the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office; (3) the minimum number of signatures required; and (4) the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc. **The State Board of Elections does not provide legal advice to candidates.**

The attached forms are prescribed by Illinois Law and/or required by the State Board of Elections. For additional information on filing, the 2020 Candidate's Guide for Presidential Preference, Delegates & Alternate Delegates is available for download at:  
[www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov).

1. **Data Entry Card\*** (For SBE office use only)  
Complete the appropriate sections but **do not bind with the petition**. A line has been provided for the candidate to list (optional) his/her campaign website address. The Board's website will provide links to the websites of candidates who provide this information. Each set of petitions must be accompanied by a Data Entry Card. **If the petition includes more than one candidate, complete a separate Data Entry Card for each candidate.**
2. **Statement of Candidacy\***
3. **Loyalty Oath** (optional)
4. **Statement of Presidential Preference** (delegates & alternates)
5. **Code of Fair Campaign Practices** (optional)  
If you plan to file this statement, **DO NOT** bind this document with your petitions. Please submit it separately at the time of filing.
6. **Nominating Petitions\***  
The packet contains 1 original petition sheet. Duplication of these sheets is permitted **prior** to circulation.

\* **The Candidate's name should appear in the same form on the Data Entry Card, Petition Sheets, and the Statement of Candidacy. The Board will certify every candidate's name as it appears on page #1 of the petition. Please see 10 ILCS 5/7-17, 8-8.1 and 10-5.1 for information on designation of names on petitions or nomination papers.**

**7. Certificate of Deletions**

In order to delete signatures, established party candidates must file form SBE P-2A. Independent candidates must file both the SBE P-2A and P-2B forms. Only the person circulating the petition, or the candidate on whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any signature from the petition.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Nominating petitions may only be filed with the Board's Principal Office in Springfield.** The Principal Board office will be open **January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. On the first day of filing, anyone who is in line as of 8:00 a.m., as well as those petitions received in **the first mail delivery\***, will be deemed filed at 8:00 a.m. and are eligible for any lottery for ballot position. If a filer is in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing, but the petition is not ready to be filed as of the time of processing the last filer in line at 8:00 a.m., then the petition will be deemed filed at the actual time of its filing (not as of 8:00 a.m.) and the candidate will not be eligible for the ballot position lottery. **A simultaneous lottery will also be held when 2 or more petitions are filed for the same office and party within the last hour of the filing deadline. (P.A. 97-1044)**

\* The State Board of Elections **no longer maintains a P.O. Box.** All mailed petitions should be addressed to the State Board of Elections Springfield office at 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503. In order to be deemed filed in the opening hour lottery for ballot position, your petition packet has to be included in the first regular **United States Postal Service** mail delivery of the day (NOT UPS, FED Ex or any other carrier) on the first day of filing.

In accordance with 10 ILCS 5/7-1 et seq., 8-1 et seq., and 10-1 et seq., petitions for any Federal, State, Congressional, Legislative, Representative, Judicial District, Circuit or Subcircuit, or any division or district greater than one county must be filed with the **principal office** of the State Board of Elections, 2329 South MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois.

**FILING CLOSES AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY OF FILING. A SIMULTANEOUS LOTTERY WILL ALSO BE HELD WHEN 2 OR MORE PETITIONS ARE FILED FOR THE SAME OFFICE AND PARTY WITHIN THE LAST HOUR OF THE FILING DEADLINE. P.A. 97-1044**

## FILING PERIODS

**JANUARY 2 - JANUARY 3, 2020**  
**(First day to circulate - October 5, 2019)**

President of the United States  
Delegates  
Alternate Delegates **(Republican only)**

## PETITION COPY REQUESTS

Board staff will begin accepting requests for petition copies and/or CD's starting at 1:00 p.m. on the first day of each filing period.

## OBJECTIONS

Objections may be filed in either the Springfield or Chicago office of the State Board of Elections. Under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/10-8, individuals who wish to file an objection to a candidate's nominating petition must file an original **plus two copies**. Board staff will not make copies of objection petitions for filers. For objections which will be heard by an electoral board other than the State Board of Elections, it is mandatory that two copies of the objection be filed along with the original objection.

Historically, the Board's offices receive numerous objection filings on the last day to file. Potential objectors are cautioned that all objections must be **FILE STAMPED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M.** on the last day to file objections (5 business days following the last day to file nominating petitions). Please plan accordingly. **NO OBJECTION FILING WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00 P.M., EVEN IF THE OBJECTOR IS IN LINE FOR PROCESSING PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M.**

## OBJECTION FILING DATES

Jan. 2 - Jan. 3, 2020 petition filing

Last day – Jan 10, 2020.

## DEADLINE TO WITHDRAW FROM INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Jan. 2 - Jan. 3, 2020 petition filing

Jan. 10, 2020

## BALLOT FORFEITURE

The Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act states that any candidate who owes a fine to the State Board of Elections cannot appear on an election ballot. **Therefore, the name of any candidate whose committee has an outstanding assessment not paid by 10:30 a.m. on January 9, 2020 will not be certified for the March 17, 2020 General Primary Election ballot. The name of any candidate whose committee has an outstanding assessment not paid by 10:30 a.m. on August 21, 2020 will not be certified for the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot. (10 ILCS 5/9-30)**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective with the 2018 Primary Election and continuing thereafter, the State Board of Elections will implement a limited “apparent conformity” review of all nominating petitions filed with the Board. The review will take place after a petition is filed, and will be limited to determining the following: (1) whether a signed Statement of Candidacy has been filed, and (2) whether the filed nominating sheets contain gross signatures equal to or exceeding 10% of the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought.

All candidates whose petitions fail the apparent conformity review will be notified in writing and given the opportunity to appear before the State Board of Elections at its first meeting held to call petition objection cases, before a determination is made to reject the candidate’s petition on the basis of non-conformity.

Additionally, SBE employees will no longer be available during filing periods to notarize documents.

# STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DATA ENTRY CARD FOR PRESIDENT, DELEGATE & ALTERNATE DELEGATE

PLEASE PRINT name as it appears on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the petition

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Website Address (optional): www. \_\_\_\_\_

SLATE: If more than one candidate is listed on the petition, name of first candidate (HEAD OF SLATE) \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE:

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_ DELEGATE

\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT

COMMITTED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE DELEGATE

\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT

COMMITTED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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## OFFICE USE ONLY

FILING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY Y or N

HOW FILED: C - CANDIDATE

LOYALTY OATH Y or N

A - AGENT

ECONOMIC INTEREST Y or N

M - MAIL

LAST PAGE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CODER INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	DISTRICT	PARTY
		A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term		

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
) SS.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party; that I am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ District, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek the nomination) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Party) Primary ballot for Nomination/Election for such office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

ATTACH TO PETITION

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested  
Revised July, 2004  
SBE No. P-1C

**LOYALTY OATH**  
**(OPTIONAL)**

United States of America                    )  
                                                      )  
State of Illinois                            )       SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me,  
(Name of Candidate)

on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ **ATTACH TO PETITION** \_\_\_\_\_

10 ILCS 5/7-10.3

Suggested  
Revised July, 2004  
SBE No. P-1E

**STATEMENT OF DECLARATION**  
**OF**  
**PREFERENCE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**  
**Delegate and Alternate Delegate**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare that I prefer  
\_\_\_\_\_ for President of the United States.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare that I am  
uncommitted as to preference for President of the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on  
(Name of Candidate)  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)





## **STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS STATE OF ILLINOIS**

### **ARTICLE 29B FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT**

**10 ILCS 5/29B-5. Purpose.** The Legislature hereby declares that the purpose of this Article is to encourage every candidate for public office in this State to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this State who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and discourage practices that cloud issues or unfairly attack opponent. (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

**10 ILCS 5/29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices.** At the time a political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its statement of organization, the State Board of Elections, in the case of a state political committee or a political committee acting as both a state political committee and a local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of a local political committee, shall give the political committee a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections or county clerk shall inform each political committee that subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the code shall read:

## **CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES**

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

### **THEREFORE:**

- (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chair of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

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Date

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Signature

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Office Sought

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(Print Name)

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Date of Election

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Name of Political Committee

**DELEGATE  
PRIMARY PETITION**

PREFERRING \_\_\_\_\_ FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and qualified primary electors of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, in the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District of the State of Illinois, do hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male (optional for Republican Party, mandated for Democratic Party) who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party for election for **DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION** for the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District, State of Illinois, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of elections).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1		IL	
2		IL	
3		IL	
4		IL	
5		IL	
6		IL	
7		IL	
8		IL	
9		IL	
10		IL	
11		IL	
12		IL	
13		IL	
14		IL	
15		IL	

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party in the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Circulator) before me, on \_\_\_\_\_ (insert month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_ (Circulator's Signature)

(SEAL)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public Signature)

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE  
PRIMARY PETITION**

PREFERRING \_\_\_\_\_ FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and qualified primary electors of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, in the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District of the State of Illinois, do hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male (optional for Republican Party, mandated for Democratic Party) who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party for election for **ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION** for the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District, State of Illinois, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1		IL	
2		IL	
3		IL	
4		IL	
5		IL	
6		IL	
7		IL	
8		IL	
9		IL	
10		IL	
11		IL	
12		IL	
13		IL	
14		IL	
15		IL	

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party in the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public Signature)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Candidate or Circulator (circle one) do hereby certify that I have properly initialed the deletions of signatures, listed hereinafter by page and line numbers, from the petition of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) who is a candidate for election or nomination (circle one) to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

[illegible]

(Signature of Person Deleting Signatures)

Only the person circulating the petition, or the candidate on whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any signature from the petition. If deletions are made, this **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** shall be filed as part of the petition.